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Getting out of the Haliburton deep freeze

After days and days of that dreaded Polar Vortex (I told you it would come again), Machenzie and I are busy booking southern destinations here at Transat Travel.

After the terrible hurricanes that hit the Caribbean in late summer, most of the tourist destinations are back and running again. Sadly, a few countries were so badly damaged they will not be offering winter vacations this year – places like St. Marten, the U.S. and British Virgin Islands, Anguilla and Barbuda were decimated. Because of that, other resort destinations such as St. Lucia, Jamaica, and of course the three most popular vacation getaways, Cuba, Dominican Republic and Mexico, are in high demand. Some dates and hotels are sold out already for certain dates this winter.

LINDA CONEYBEARE
Transat Travel

Although we are in a deep freeze we are also busy booking Alaska cruises for 2018 as well as the ever popular European river cruises. A top destination for 2018 continues to be Iceland (one of my top five destinations ever – the list to follow). With one major ring road that circles the island, and hotel rooms and car rentals in high demand, it is recommended that you book early to visit this unique country.

This farm in Iceland gives a sense of the country's terrain. Iceland is one of Linda Coneybeare's top five places to visit.

I know you don't want to think about a country called Iceland when it is -30C outside, but Iceland is relatively balmy compared to what we are currently experiencing. Because of its location close to the Gulf Stream, the winter temperatures rarely drop more than a few degrees below freezing. Greenland however is rarely green, so just like you can't judge a book by its cover, don't judge a country by its name. The explanation given to me is that Greenland was trying to entice early settlers from Scandinavia to relocate there, and Iceland was trying to keep their population from expanding too fast, hence the names to entice and discourage population. Machenzie and I won't be doing any travelling this winter – far too busy here at work – but we are both looking forward to our next travel adventure. Machenzie and her husband will be flying to Bali in late April to attend her sister's destination wedding. What an exotic locale!

I hope to return to the Amalfi coast in June with my daughter and family – if we dare attempt an eight-hour flight, and seven-hour time zone change with a two-year-old boy! You would think that three adults could handle this scenario, but we shall see. And as promised here is my list.

Linda's top five destinations visited (so far)

5. Normandy, France
4. Nice and Provence, France
3. The Amalfi coast of Italy
2. Iceland
1. (Drum roll) Jordan – a welcoming safe country – with red sand in the desert, the breathtaking sunset over the Red Sea of Aqaba and of course, the UNESCO world heritage site of Petra.

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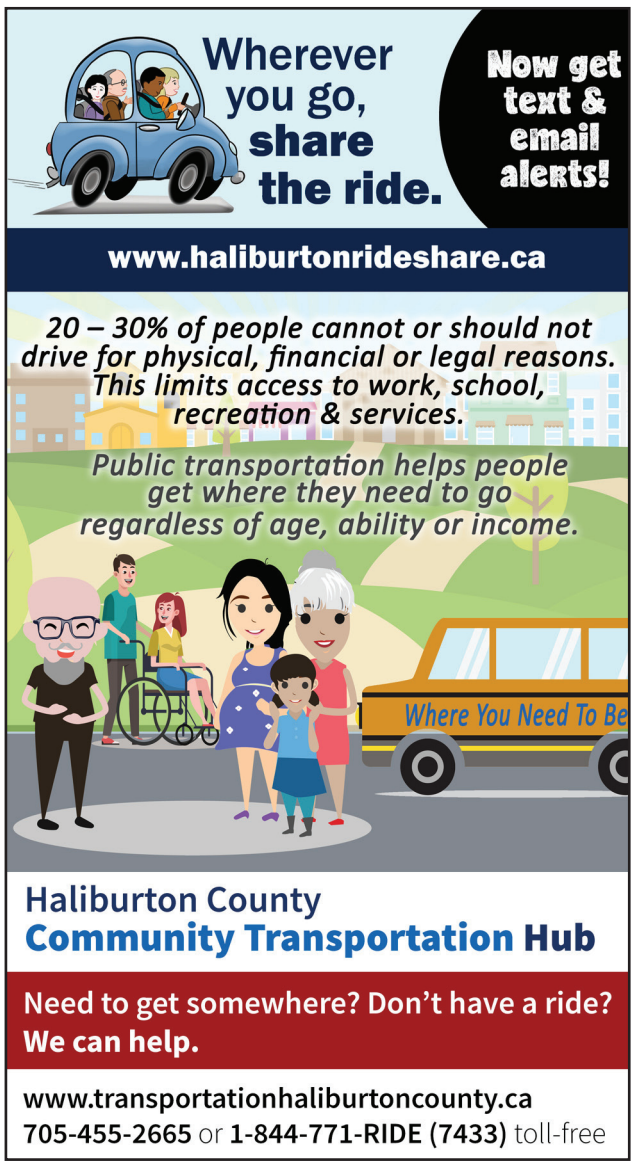
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Renowned pianist to provide live score for silent films Movie Night

NATE SMELLE
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Film buffs and music lovers in Haliburton County are in for a special treat this February. As part of this year's Movie Nights line up, world-renowned pianist Bruce Vogt will be performing live during the Thursday, Feb. 8 screening of three classic silent films – Buster Keaton's *Sherlock Junior*; *Charlie Chaplin's Pawn Shop* and *The Immigrant*. As usual, the event will be held at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, however instead of there being two showtimes, there will only be one on this evening beginning at 5:30 p.m.

As one of Canada's most celebrated pianists, Vogt's appreciation of music has led him to inspire audiences in the United Kingdom, United States, Germany, France, Italy, Norway, the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, China and Japan. With several family members residing in the area, he is excited to soon add Haliburton to the list. His musical repertoire has been described as "extremely diverse," consisting of music from the 16th century to the present. Since early childhood, Vogt said he has been drawn to music and felt compelled to play the piano.

"The piano has been part of my life right back to my earliest memories," he said.

"I am mostly known as a classical musician, but I've always played jazz as well, always improvised. And I began combining improvisation with my love of film back before I was 20, as an undergraduate playing for a silent film course. I suppose I can't really imagine life without the piano, without music."

Having performed for audiences of all ages, in venues around the world, he has acquired decades of experience presenting and providing improvised accompaniments for silent films. Through his experience, he has developed a special place in his heart for this art-form. One of the reasons he is looking forward to being part of this cinematic experience, Vogt said, is because many people have not had the opportunity to truly appreciate silent films aside from low quality excerpts shown on television which have often been sped-up and distorted. He considers the years preceding sound in film – 1918 until 1928 – as a golden age of movie making.

"Because it was cheap to film and it was flexible – hand-held cameras, freedom from dialogue – there was a great deal of improvisation and innovation," Vogt said.

"The best of these films – and there are many great ones – are beautifully shaped works of popular art. People nowadays who were previously unfamiliar with these films are amazed at their quality. The comedies are very funny but also often deeply moving."

During the silent film era, Vogt said music was a very important part of the filmmaking process, because it provided the atmosphere for the movie along with a sense of rhythm for the actors. According to Vogt, the entire notion of these movies being silent films is actually a misnomer, because music was a constant on the set and there was always a musical accompaniment to the films made during this period.

"With big-budget films there was usually a film score with cues which was played with a live orchestra in the major centres," he said.

"In smaller centres, a piano or organ would be used. For me, it's a pleasurable challenge to support the film and try to enhance it, without getting in the way."

No matter where he has performed, Vogt said every time he has provided a musical accompaniment for a silent film the audience has always responded with enthusiasm and delight. Now in its 13th season, Movie Nights has become one of the community's most beloved monthly events. As treasurer and programmer of the Those Other Movies committee, Lisa Kerr can attest to how much people in Haliburton County value the opportunity to watch and discuss films together. She said the committee takes great care in choosing films that their audience will enjoy that line up with their audience's tastes.

"Films speak to my heart," said Kerr.

"They make me appreciate people's situations outside of my own. We tend to pick more personal stories where we really care about the characters. So much of the fun is sharing the stories about films and how they have touched you. Everybody can watch a movie in their living room, but it's not the same. You will never get the same type of community experience if you choose to watch movies on a small screen that you could see on the big screen instead."

Though Vogt's performance does not take place until February, Kerr encourages people itching to get their film fix early to come out to the first Movie Night of 2018 on Thursday, Jan. 11. The film featured on this evening will be the biographical-comedy-drama, *Victoria and Abdul* starring Judi Dench. With the exception of the February show, films are presented on the second Thursday of the month (unless otherwise noted) at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at 5358 County Road 21, from September through June, with a 4:15 p.m. matinee and a 7:15 p.m. evening show. Tickets cost $10 each and are only available at the door. For more information about Those Other Movies, and for a schedule of films and film festivals slated to hit the big screen in Haliburton this season visit www.halliburton-movies.com.

Bruce Vogt will be performing live during the screening of three silent films Feb. 8.

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HHHS takes over bereavement groups, asks for public input

Grief and bereavement support will be offered through Haliburton Highlands Health Services' hospice and palliative care programming, the corporation announced in a press release in December.

Formerly run by SIRCH Community Services, the support groups (known as Journey Through Grief groups) will be brought under the HHHS umbrella.

Hospice and palliative care as well as Lunch for the Bereaved, an informal support group that meets regularly in Minden and Haliburton, are all provided by HHHS.

Until Jan. 18, HHHS is administering a questionnaire about what supports are needed in the region. It can be accessed online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/73LJ65G or by picking up a questionnaire at one of the following locations: Rexall Haliburton, Independent pharmacy, Highland Remedy Minden, Wilberforce Legion, Kinmount Legion, Haliburton Family Medical Centre Minden and Haliburton, Kinmount Medical Centre, Community Funeral Homes, Shoppers Drug Mart Haliburton, Wilberforce Pharmacy, Pharmasave Minden, Minden Legion, Haliburton Legion, HHHS various locations and Dorset Family Medical Centre.

"We want to have a really strong sense from the community as to how best to meet the needs of this particular community," said Stephanie MacLaren, VP of HHHS's community programs.

"Individual support with a volunteer or social worker is good for some, but many people find great value in the group support environment and vice versa. Responding to local need is especially important in our small rural geography – we need to find the right combination to meet the needs of the greatest number of people."

SIRCH thanked its volunteers who facilitated Journey Through Grief.

"The volunteer facilitators have dedicated hundreds of hours to facilitating the bereavement groups, and they have made such a difference in the lives of the group members. However, with no core funding to support the groups, it makes sense to pass the baton to HHHS," SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson said.

All volunteers, SIRCH and HHHS, are invited to be part of the HHHS bereavement supports and are encouraged to contact Amanda Rowden 705-457-2941 ext. 2932.

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Your child's Grade 4 and 5 SnowPass is valid all season long so get your tweens off the couch this winter and create a healthy and active winter tradition. Not sure how to dress or prepare your kids for their day on the slopes? Visit www.skicanada.org where you'll find a wealth of information on what to expect, how to prepare and what to wear for your day out skiing and snowboarding.

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A celebration of local musicians with a special tribute to Johnny Burke

The Haliburton County Folk Society is acknowledging the pivotal role Johnny Burke played in many local musicians' lives, and in the overall local community of music, by making this year's Homemade Stew Concert a tribute to Johnny Burke. Homemade Stew is an annual showcase of local talent and is celebrating its fifth year on Saturday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

This year's Homemade Stew Concert promises to be a night of touching remembrances of this memorable local musician through music and spoken word. Several of the acts will be honouring Burke by playing songs he wrote or songs that had a special place in his heart.

The lineup of acts for this concert will take the audience on a journey through various musical genres including country, alternative rock, classical, swing, and jazz. It is a testament to the talent of the Haliburton Highlands that there has only been one act repeated in the five years the concert has been staged. Other individual musicians, who are part of multiple musical acts, may have played more than once but not as part of the same group. This year's full lineup is: Falling from Stilts, Dan Riley, The Moontones, Duo Prosecco, Nick Russell and Rob Muir, Lunar Bloom, Nick and Benton, Kate Hall and Andrew von Zuben, Jeff Barry, Ryan VanLieshout and Mark Christiano.

Christiano's performance of the song he wrote in Burke's honour, is sure to be one of the highlights of the evening.

VanLieshout had a special connection with Burke who mentored him from a young age in his guitar playing and vocals. Ryan's musical accomplishments speak well of the value of that mentoring. Two years ago Ryan placed in the top 10 at the CMT Magna Hoedown sharing the stage with Paul Brandt, Alan Doyle, Beverly Mahood and Leah Daniels. Ryan started his 2017 show season in Nashville and plays all around Ontario.

Duo Prosecco consists of Laurel McCauley and Kim Quigley: two halves that make a harmonic whole. They will be performing a Charlie Pride song, one of Burke's favourites, at the suggestion of Teresa Burke.

The evening will be full of other surprises including Albert Saxby's emergence in the world of alternative rock with his new band Falling From Stilts. The band also includes Brendon Burgess, and Richard Joudrey. The band will perform original tunes written by Saxby.

The very talented, mostly self-taught, guitar player Dan Riley will perform Debussy and Carmichael tunes. He has always been interested in how the guitar can be utilized as a solo instrument, without the need for any accompaniment. He has adapted a classical technique to suit the electric guitar, following the examples of Ted Greene, George Van Eps, and Lenny Breau.

Jazz and swing sounds will fill the auditorium when the Moontones take the stage. This spirited and talented swing trio feature a unique blend of instruments and playing styles creating their own flavor on many of the great swing and jazz tunes throughout the decades. The group consists of Bethany Houghton on vocals and cello, Ian Pay on stand up base and Kris Kadwell with his unique fingering style on guitar. In addition to being musicians themselves all three performers contribute tireless hours to enhancing the community through music.

That is just a taste of what the total of 11 acts will bring to the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the concert are available online at www.haliburtonfolk.com, Halco Electronics/The Source in Haliburton and The Organic Times in Minden. For more information call 705-754-FOLK or visit www.haliburtonfolk.com. With more than half of the tickets already sold, the HCFS anticipates that this show will once again be a sellout. Don't be disappointed. Get your tickets soon.

Submitted by the Haliburton County Folk Society

Guenter Horst spotted these deer enjoying the winter in the forest.

Things to avoid this January

OK, IF YOU read this, you presumably made it to 2018. If so, there are things you need to know about January. I'm talking about horrible things that are never mentioned in tourism brochures – things no person in their right mind should ever do.

These 10 immediately come to mind.

1. Streaking: The act of running around outside naked in January is rarely witnessed for good reason. Mainly because it leads to the January blues – which has absolutely nothing to do with music.
2. Licking anything metal: Frankly, I wouldn't advise this any time but summer and only then if a spoon and ice cream are involved. Licking metal objects outside in January will likely mean that you'll have to stay put until someone calls the fire department. And that only happens after the YouTube videos are uploaded.
3. Cheaping out on the sled dog experience: Sure you might save a few bucks, but if you are being pulled around by a team of chihuahuas, all the hot chocolate will be gone by the time you return.
4. Uphill skiing: Did it once, but ever since then I have avoided that brand of beans.
5. Shovelling snow: I know we have to do it, but no person in their right mind should.
6. Getting into a snowball fight with a major league pitcher. In this case you need to worry about the balls way more than the strikes.
7. Winter camping: I know it can be fun, but you'll save a whole lot of money on gear and permits and get the same exhilarating experience if you just spend a few hours in a walk-in freezer.
8. DIY downhill skiing: This is OK until you realize that the ATV you will be using to get you back up the hill is at the top.
9. Crawling into a bear den: True, this is still marginally better than winter camping but only if you can convince the bear to snuggle.
10. Thinking that if Bumbles bounce, you can too.

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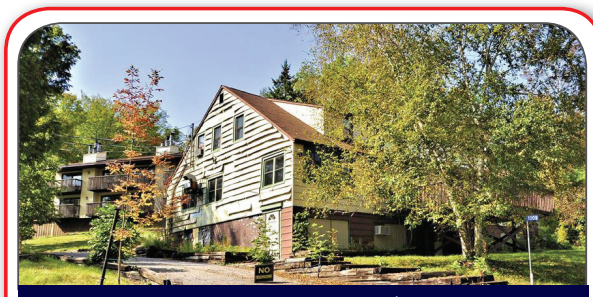

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

WORDS

ASSISTANCE
CABINET
CATEGORY
CLEANING
CLOSETS
CLOTHING
COORDINATE
DIGITAL
DISCARD
DIVIDE
DONATION
DRAWERS
FILES
FOLD
GARBAGE
HANG
HOOKS
INVENTORY
LABEL
ORDERLY
ORGANIZED
PAPERWORK
PILES
RECYCLE
SCAN
SHELVING
SORT
STACK
STORAGE
STRESS
SUPPLIES
TASK
VERTICAL

Guess Who?

I am a singer born in Indiana on January 29, 1982. I performed in musicals before becoming a household name on "American Idol." I have since toured with a classic rock band and appeared on "Glee."

Answer: Adam Lambert

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to baking.

SRINGI

Answer: Rising

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Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 28

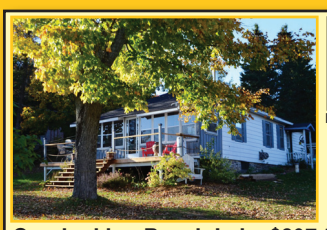
West Lake Lots from $239,900
- 3 beautiful waterfront lots to choose from
- Access via township road, terrific building sites
- Suitable for home or cottage location

Elizabeth Thompson*
457-2128 x 52

Diamond Lake Lot $114,900
- Lovely lot on a deep, clean lake
- Off a year round road with driveway Installed
- Site has been cleared, 15 mins to Bancroft

Susanne James* & Andy Mosher**
457-2128 x 33

Haliburton Home $299,000
- Classic 4 bdrm home right in Haliburton Village
- Amazing view over Head Lake + shop & garage
- Sits on a 1.3 acre lot with nice backyard



Rosemarie Jung*
457-7049

Overlooking Beech Lake $297,500
- Perfect size year round cottage or home
- 2 bedroom + 2 story bunkie & lots of updates
- 100' of sandy beach & dock across the road

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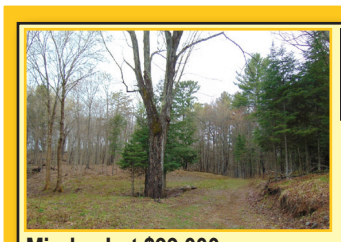
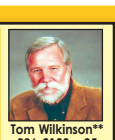


Melanie Vigrass* 286-2138 x 32

Minden Lot $99,000

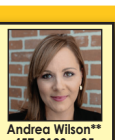
- Just North of Minden
- 3.5 Acre Lot, 778' Road Frontage
- Driveway In, Hydro @ Lot Line



Tom Wilkinson** 286-2138 x 25

Prime Commercial $524,900

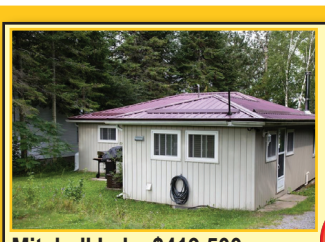
- Main building is 5300 Sq Ft
- Second building is 3500 Sq Ft
- Storage garage, high traffic area

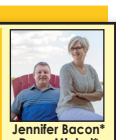


Andrea Wilson** 457-2128 x 25

Great Opportunity To Invest $865,000

- Prime location, I2060 Sq Fr Retail Space
- 1712 Sq Ft house w/2 2 rental units
- 5 storage buildings with 60 rental units!



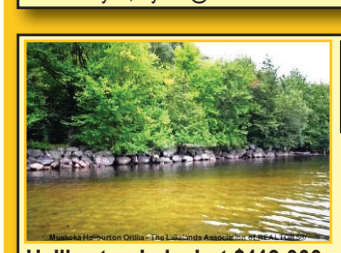


Jennifer Bacon* Dean Michel* 705-286-2138 x28

SOLD

Mitchell Lake $419,500

- Turn-key 4 season 3 bedroom cottage
- Mitchel Lk has excellent fishing & boating
- Plus access The Trent Severn Waterway



Drew Bishop** 457-2128 x23

Haliburton Lake Lot $119,000

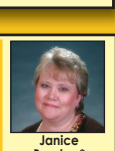
- Level at shore, Gradual entry
- Elevated building site w/ lake view
- Year-round access, Well treed, Private

Dagmar Boettcher** 457-5968

SOLD

Irondale River $299,999

- 3 bedroom large home set on 2 acres
- Flat property with ATV/sled shed
- Separate 1 bdrm cottage at waterfront



Janice Brookes* 457-2128 x 22

Soyers Lake Road $21,900

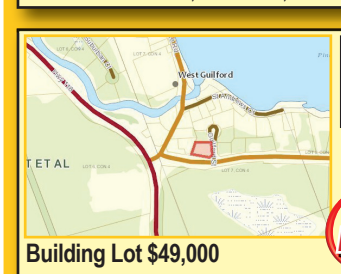
- Great rolling lot - Central Location
- Close to many lakes and beaches
- Outlined in trees with clearing within

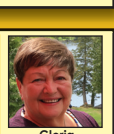
Kim Butt* 286-2138 x31

RIGHT IN TOWN

Minden Lot $43,800

- Vacant residential building lot in the town
- Located on the corner of Prince & Booth St
- Mostly cleared & level property, ideal for building





Gloria Carnochan* 754-1932

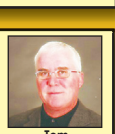
BUS ROUTE

Building Lot $49,000

- Level, Well Forested, 10 Mins To Haliburton
- Walk To Village, Driveway will be in
- 163' On Guilford Crt & 188' On Cnty Rd 6

Mark Dennys* 457-0473

Wishing Everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!



Tom Ecclestone* 286-2138 x 26

Outstanding Exposure

- Prime HWY 35 Minden Location
- Totally Renovated, C-1 Commercial Zoning
- So Many Possibilities $299,000

Lindsay Elder** 457-5878

SOLD

Peach/Kabakwa Lk $574,900

- Total privacy, stunning views
- Over 2 acres & 200 ft of water frontage
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths & hot tub!

Lee Gauthier** 489-9968

SOLD

Tulip Rd $27,000

- Well treed 'high & dry' 2.2 acre building lot
- Site partially cleared, roughed in driveway
- Cell service, only 2 km from Hwy 118/Carnarvon

Scott Harrison* 286-2138 x 28

6.5 Acre Lot $49,900

- Lg building lot close to Minden, utilities at lot line
- Public access to Gull River across the Rd.
- Won't last!... see it today!

Andrew Hodgson*** 286-2138 x 29

NEW LISTING

Little Hawk Lake $519,000

- Year Round classic 3 bdrm cottage + bunkie
- 3.6 acres lot & 232 ft of clean water frontage
- One of few road access properties on the lake

Susanne James* & Andy Mosher** 457-2128 x 33

Miskwabi Lake $499,900

- Prime level lot, western exposure, big lake view
- 3BR cottage with heated line, lots of upgrades
- 123' frontage, clean shoreline, year round access

Rosemarie Jung* 457-7049

BEING BUILT NOW

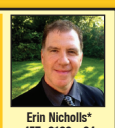
New Minden Home!! $359,900

- Bright & Spacious 2 Bdrm, 2 Bath Bungalow
- In town w/ Quality Finishes, High Efficiency
- Booking Model Home Showings NOW!

David Lee* 286–2138 x 27

Fort Irwin Diner $249,000

- Turnkey diner style restaurant or diner
- Large list of inclusions to run your business
- Very clean building with recent updates!



Erin Nicholls* 457–2128 x 34

Highway 35 $999,000

- Great commercial lot right on highway 35
- Close to new business developments
- Fantastic business opportunity

Brandon Nimigon 457–2128 x 27

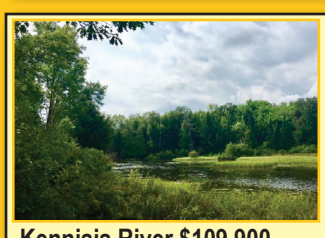
Lots of Potential $69,900

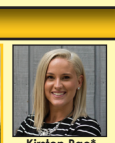
- Great lot right in the Town of Minden
- Services are available right at the lot line
- Great opportunity for a large in town lot!

Karen Nimigon** 457–2128 x 29

In Town Commercial $299,000

- Clean & tidy 3000 Sq. Ft. building
- Fully finished, right in Haliburton
- Ideal for a studio, a retail space or offices!





Kirsten Rae* 286-2138 x 30

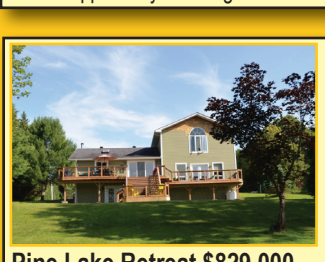
Kennisis River $109,900

- Lovely building lot, short boat ride into Halls Lake
- Natural shoreline with picturesque river views!

Darlene Reil* 447-2055

Wilberforce Home $276,000

- Huge home on 3 acres of privacy
- 3 levels, lots of room for the while family
- Plus several W/O's, rec room w/bar & more



Christine Sharp* 286-2138 x59

Pine Lake Retreat $829,000

- 5 bedrooms / 3 baths
- Over 2 acres facing NW
- Many upgrades and features

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UPCOMING Community Events

PARISH HOME INSPECTIONS

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Upcoming Events

Fur and Flintlock
When: Saturday, Jan. 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: Dorset area
Discover the fascinating world of Canada's and Haliburton County's oldest industry – the fur trade. This intriguing adventure takes you back into history with an 18th century fur trader, along forest and stream on snowshoes to a trading post to hear the stories, see the authentic trade goods, and feast on a traditional lunch.
Contact: Yours Outdoors 705-754-3436, info@yoursoutdoors.ca www.yoursoutdoors.ca

Open Stage - Haliburton County Folk Society
When: Saturday, Jan. 13, 8 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Highlands Museum
Come play, come listen. Admission by donation.
Contact: info@haliburtonfolk.com 705 - 754-3655 www.haliburtonfolk.com

Abbey Gardens Snowshoe & Lunch
When: Saturday Jan. 13, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Where: Abbey Gardens, 1012 Garden Gate Drive, Haliburton
Explore the beauty of the Highlands winter landscape with a guided snowshoe, then come back to the Food Hub for a hearty, homemade lunch. $25 per person.
Contact: For more information, contact Cara Steele, cara@abbeygardens.ca 705 754 4769. www.abbeygardens.ca

Therapeutic Touch® Level 1
When: Saturday, Jan. 13
Learn a holistic, evidenced based therapy that provides relaxation in any situation and boosts the immune system for improved healing, health and well being.
Level 1 introduces the method and the human energy system with hands on practice.
Contact Susan Keith at 705-457-3981 or email: ch.concepts@sympatico.ca.

Sir Sam's Ski Challenge
When: Sunday Jan. 14
Where: Sir Sam's Ski / Ride
Family Fun ski race (runs for 7 Sundays plus final race Saturday, Mar. 3)
($40 entry fee per person) Contact: chris@sirsams.com 705-754-2298

Haliburton Highlands Camera Club Meeting
When: Wednesday, Jan. 17, 7 p.m.
Where: Common Room at the Minden Cultural Centre, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd, Minden
Monthly meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Camera Club
Contact: events@highlandscameraclub.ca

Basic Beginner Line Dancing
When: Thursday mornings, 10 to 11 a.m. starting Jan. 18 for a 10 week course
Where: Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall
Learn the basic line dancing steps and how to put them together to enjoy line dancing and increase your activity level. Good for the body and the mind!
This is a 10 week course starting on Jan. 18 and requires preregistration. Course Cost: $50
Contact: Jacqui, ClanceLineDance@gmail.com

High on Ice
When: Thursday, Jan. 18, 2 to 4 p.m.
Where: Medeba
Embrace the winter wonders of the Highlands and try your hand (and foot) at ice climbing. You will scale the slippery slope on a 50 ft wall. This is a fun and safe two hour introduction to ice climbing. Climbing equipment, a warm hut, snacks and hot beverages will be provided.
Contact: Yours Outdoors 705-754-3436, info@yoursoutdoors.ca, www.yoursoutdoors.ca

The Canadian Federation Of University Women (CFUW)
WHEN: Thursday, Jan. 18, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
WHERE: Haliburton United Church
WHO: Andy Oh
TOPIC: Sweet and Savoury Korean Treats
Andy Oh and his wife Sunny Park are the chef/owners of Maple Avenue Tap and Grill in Haliburton. Originally from Korea, Andy and Sunny bring 16 years of experience in the food industry to their restaurant which serves both Canadian and Korean style foods. For our event, Andy will be demonstrating how to cook a few Korean dishes while we get to watch and learn – and then savour.
COST: You are welcome to join us if you are a woman who is not yet a member of CFUW but are considering joining.

Therapeutic Touch® Level 2 Workshop
When: Saturday, Jan. 20, 8:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Continue or refresh your Therapeutic Touch journey! Learn to recognize and understand the meaning of imbalances in the energy field and methods of rebalancing the field to promote health and well being.
Level 2 provides an in depth look at the process and its efficacy with hands on practice.
Contact: Susan Keith at 705-457-3981 or email: ch.concepts@sympatico.ca

Haliburton Legion presents Jeff Moulton in the Clubroom
When: Saturday, Jan. 20
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom, 4 to 7 p.m.
Cost: $5.00 cover charge for non-members
50/50 draw at 6 p.m. Enjoy delicious meal for $6.00 by the Ladies Auxillary
For Information Contact: Linda at 705-457-2064

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic
When: Wednesday, Jan. 24, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Legion Events

Branch 636, Minden
Monday – Thursday Lunch 12 to 2 p.m.
Tuesday Special liver day, regular menu also.
Friday 12 to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Fish, Chicken Wings, Fries and Onion Rings.
Daily events:
Monday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers. (every two weeks)
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Senior art group. 1:00-4:00, Bid Euchre,
Wednesday 12:00- Meat Draws, 4 butcher quality meats for $1.00 a ticket. 1 to 4 p.m., Ladies Darts, 5 to 7 p.m. Calorie Counters.
Thursday 7 p.m. Darts. 7 p.m. Euchre
Friday Every second week, Karaoke with Fred and Linda, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Saturday Special Lunch every week with meat Draw at 1 p.m.
Sunday Sports Day 12 to 4:30 p.m.
Special Entertainment – Karaoke with Fred & Linda, Jan. 19 7:30-11:30, Open Mic, Jan 20 to 5 p.m.

Branch 624, Wilberforce
Thursday Youth group 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Friday Pool 1:30 p.m. Everyone welcome
Wing night 6:30 - 9 p.m.
Jam session 7:30 p.m.
Saturday Meat draw 2 p.m. - Early bird 3 p.m. sharp
Sunday L.A. Breakfast 9 - 12 p.m.
Monday Bid Euchre
Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30 p.m.
We would like to look into getting a grant to rebuild the kitchen. Need people who would like to be a part of the process. Will be trying to get start at the General Meeting on Tuesday Jan 9/18.
Travelling this winter get your travel insurance through your membership.
Jan. 27/18 Crib tournament in Trenton 29/$50 - 28/$25 - 24/$10

Branch 129, Haliburton
Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571

Mondays:	Bridge every Monday at 1p.m.
Tuesdays:	Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7p.m.
Wednesdays:	Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start Bingo Doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - $500 Jackpot, $1000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.
Thursdays:	General Meeting third Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays:	Cribbage 1 p.m. start, Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw - 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Chester Howse, MC Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards
Saturdays:	50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Sundays:	Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. $6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

Upcoming Event: Live entertainment featuring Jeff Moulton Saturday, Jan. 20, 4-7pm in the Club Room. Enjoy a delicious meal for only $6 prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary. $5 cover charge for non members.
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at **(705) 457- 2571**, email **rcl129@bellnet.ca** or visit **haliburtonlegion.com** Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129, everyone is welcome!

Did Santa Forget?

If you did not find a Highlands Summer Festival Season Pass in your stocking this Christmas, there is sill time to take advantage of our Christmas Season Pass Sale. You won't want to miss this season's great line-up including Romeo & Juliet, Not Quite Sherlock, Cliffhanger, From Weimar to Vaudeville, and The Dining Room. All five shows for only **$160**... that is almost a 15% saving.

do something dramatic this summer

Highlands summer festival 2018 Live Theatre

But Hurry!

Sale ends January 31. After then, all tickets will only be available at regular price, $37.50. Call 705-457-9933 or 855-457-9933 or buy on line at: *www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca* and follow the links to the secure order page.

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Property is 'volatile asset' : FOCA

Taxation based on market value could be a key issue in next November's municipal elections as Ontario's cottagers band together to swin municipalities away from this form of tax base.

At its annual meeting November 14 in Scarborough, the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) encouraged its member organizations to fight for an alternative tax base that will take into account *people's ability to pay.* FOCA represents more than 500,000 members in 300 cottage associations.

Market value assessment "is a big grey area" said FOCA president Jean Anthon who has a cottage in Haliburton County.

Contacted after the meeting last week, she said people really do not understand the issues. FOCA will be pressing the government to provide information that will help people understand.

Haliburton County has already asked for an impact study on tax assessment based on full market value assessment, which causes some concern that local ratepayers could be faced with the upheaval that Muskoka Lakes ratepayers are now experiencing.

Because property values can rise drastically with the pressures of a booming economy, population trends and general attitudes, Anthon feels it is not wise to base municipal tax on such a "volatile asset."

Cottage owners can find that the value of their property is skyrocketing with these outside pressures. And when a reassessment is conducted, their taxes rise in proportion, regardless of their ability to pay. In

(more on page 13)

The HHSS Redmen were in hot pursuit of their first win this season but fell short as St. Peters scored in the dying minutes. See page 11 for details.

County opposes mandatory bilingualism

When Haliburton County residents go to the polls for the 1988 municipal elections, they may also be casting a vote on mandatory bilingualism in Ontario.

After hearing a presentation from Rolland Ormerod from the Alliance for the Preservation of English in Canada (APEC) at last Wednesday's meeting, County Council passed a resolution asking for a referendum on the issue of mandatory bilingualism during the municipal elections.

APEC, a nationwide lobby group, was formed a number of years ago to address the growing trend toward mandatory requirements for all government services to be provided in both official languages. The group is not anti-French, but does oppose mandatory bilingualism.

Implementation of Bill 8, which deals with official bilingualism for Ontario, would come at a frightening cost to taxpayers, council heard. Ormerod estimated that implementation would cost about $150 million. In addition, he estimated that an extra 2,000 employees would be required to carry the Bill through, at an extra cost of $200 to $300 million per year.

In its resolution, council recognizes the "growing concerns to increased mandatory bilingualism" and asks that all residents of voting age be given the opportunity to voice their opinion. The resolution asks Minister of Municipal Affairs, John Eakins to include a referendum on this issue in the next municipal elections.

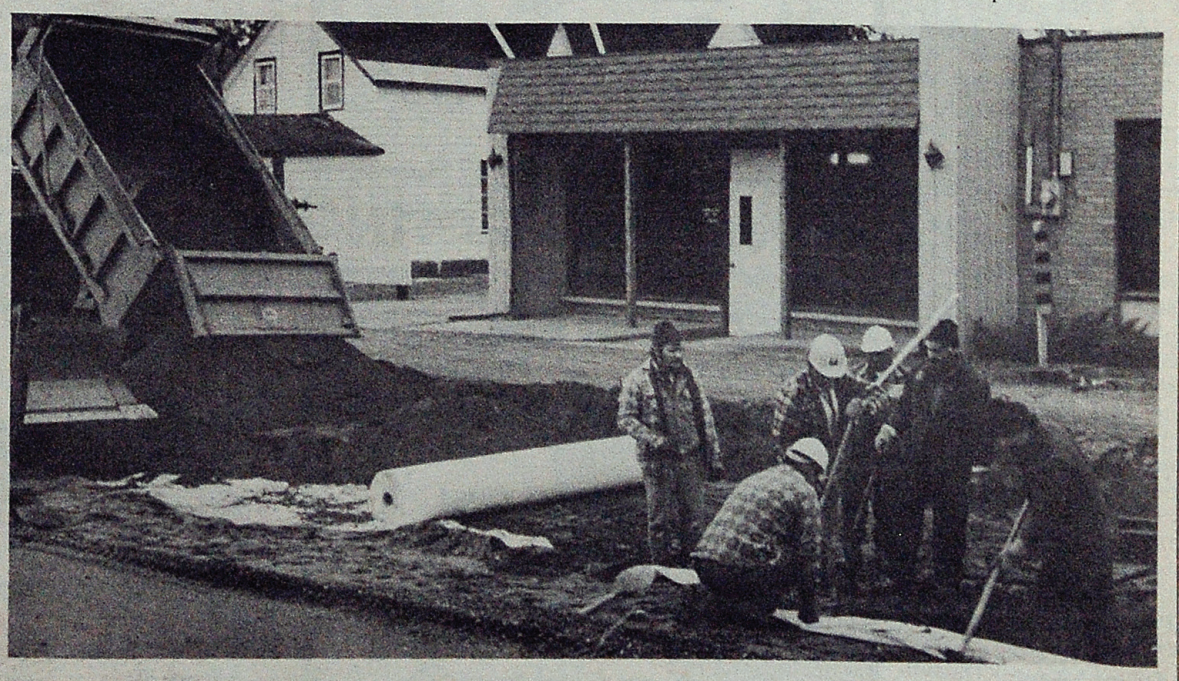
Road work to be held over

With winter weather closing in, it is unlikely that the reconstruction project on Bobcaygeon Road will be completed this year.

Anson, Hindon and Minden Roads Superintendent Clayton Cameron said the project's schedule is dependent on weather conditions. He anticipates the work will be completed on the section between the Gull River Bridge and Deep Bay Road this year and the rest will have to wait until the spring.

Before construction halts this winter, paving will be completed as far along as the Deep Bay Road. The sidewalks and storm sewer will be in place as far up the road as the school and library. Asphalt will be replaced on all areas of the road that have been stripped before work stops.

The reconstruction of the 800 metre strip of roadway hit a snag last week when it was discovered that water in the sub-soil was being pumped back up through the new mesh which has been laid. To prevent this, workers had to uncover the mesh and put a filter cloth in place.



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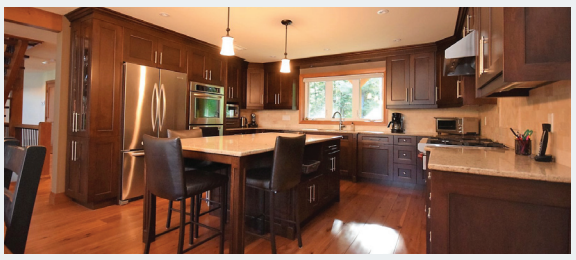
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